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## Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 03 March 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: None.

Identification of prior art discussed: Black (U.S. Patent No. 6,539,101).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.



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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The attorney of record requested examiner's reconsideration for his previous argument, in view of the effective date associated with a Provisional application being limited to 12 months from the filing date of the provisional application, cited as prior art. The examiner researched the issue and validated the attorney's argument. Accordingly, Black (U.S. Patent No. 6,539,101), is no longer considered a qualified prior art for this application.

The attorney will make a formal request for reconsideration in response to the Final Office action mailed on 09-February-2004. Upon receipt of the reconsideration request, the examiner will reopen prosecution with a new search and withdraw the finality of the previous Office Action.